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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING CATALYST LAYER ON**)
SUBSTRATE CONSTITUTING MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY)

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7. Federal Republic of Germany Patent Document No. DE 696 08 632 T2. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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